

TELEPHONES KNOCKED OUT. BROOKLYN NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Trolley Wires Greatly Interfere with Them.

Brooklyn telephone subscribers are up in arms against the contemplated extension of the trolley system.

Those subscribers who live in the sections where the trolley is now in operation say that their instruments are of no use whatever. General Supt. John C. Kelly, of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, said today that there was no doubt that the trolley wires seriously interfered with the working of the instruments that were not on a metallic circuit, in other words, the single wire circuit.

There are, according to Mr. Kelly, 8,000 miles of telephone wires in Brooklyn, 6,000 miles of which are overhead. The underground wires are the ones most seriously affected by the trolley wires. The railroad companies claim that it is in the power of the telephone company to do away with the trouble by putting all their instruments on a metallic circuit.

PUMPING OUT THE CEPHEUS.

The Stranded Steamboat May Be Floated This Evening.

CONY ISLAND, L. I., Aug. 15.—The stranded steamship Cepheus, of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, was struck by a heavy sea on the morning of the 14th, and was beached Friday evening, though she is slightly higher out of the water.

The Chapman Wrecking Company at sunrise this morning started in to raise the half-sunken vessel by means of pumping her out, and the success of the work to believe that they will have the steamer floated by 9 o'clock to-night.

Five mammoth steam pumps, with a capacity of 8,000 gallons per minute, were put in charge of the work to believe that they will have the steamer floated by 9 o'clock to-night.

The pumps went down and spent a greater part of the morning shifting up the company's and at low tide, late this afternoon, the pumps will be again set to work.

It was denied at the Iron Steamboat office this morning that the Cepheus had collided with a sail boat. On the 13th to the city, after leaving the Iron Pier at 8 o'clock last night, the man on board discovered a sail boat without lights, and the vessel was stopped before it came up to the pier.

The only excitement was the result of the five or six occupants getting scared on account of being rocked by the roll from the Cepheus.

SHE SAYS HE'S A BRIGAND.

Mrs. Dirolia Complains of Murderous Threats by Her Husband.

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Notable Occurrences in the City of Churches.

Paragraphs That Photograph the History of the Day.

Blaze on Stockton Street.
Fire at 214 Stockton street, Brooklyn, at 6 o'clock this morning caused a damage of \$500.

Pulled Out of East River.
Watson John Collins, who fell into the East River near Pierpoint street, Brooklyn, at 1 o'clock this morning, was rescued by the police boat Judge Moore, rescued him.

May Die from the Fall.
Seven-year-old George Hernandez, of 352 Eighth street, Brooklyn, fell from the second-story window to the sidewalk this morning, and sustained internal injuries which may cause death.

Skull Broken by a Horse's Kick.
George Seiler, a stableman, of 1811 1/2 street, Brooklyn, employed in Williams street, was kicked in the head by a horse, early this morning, fracturing his skull. He was taken to Brooklyn Hospital.

His Victim May Die.
John Gibson, who hit longshoreman Frank Kroger on the head with a belaying pin aboard the brigantine, lying at the Empires dock, Brooklyn, was held in the Adams Street Court this morning to await the result of Kroger's injuries, which are dangerous.

Charged with Stealing a Watch.
The Brooklyn police have under arrest today William Seaver, of First avenue, near Fifty-eighth street, New York, charged with stealing a gold watch worth \$100 from George Newman, of Broadway and Twenty-eighth street, in a Second Avenue Railroad car last Saturday night, New York. Seaver was found in South Brooklyn at 3 o'clock this morning.

Want Him for the Boston Police.
Acting-Supt. John Mackellar, of the Brooklyn Police, today received a request from the Boston Police, to-day look out for a man giving the name of E. O. C. Byron Jones, who was wanted on a charge of obtaining money on worthless checks. The man sought for is a Frenchman and speaks English. He claims that he is a seaman, and that he was with Stanley in Africa.

THIS WOMAN THREW A STONE.
Almeda H. at her husband, but hit a Neighbor's Boy.

Mrs. Rose Forrest, of 181 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, was put under arrest this morning, charged with assaulting thirteen-year-old John Hackett, who lives next door to her.

Rose and her husband quarreled on the sidewalk in front of their home yesterday afternoon, and it is alleged that she threw a stone at him.

The child missed its intended mark and struck young Hackett on the head.

The surgeon said the boy's skull is fractured. He is now in St. Mary's Hospital.

In court Mrs. Forrest was held to await the result of the lad's injuries.

BACK TO JERSEY JUSTICE.
Maggie Messenger, the Pretty Octoroon, to Be Tried at Orange.

Maggie Messenger, the pretty young Octoroon who was arrested 60 miles from Brooklyn, several days ago on a charge of grand larceny, was taken back to East Orange, N. J., this morning, on a requisition issued by Gov. Abbott.

The girl was formerly employed in the family of Peter Borden, of Orange, N. J., it is alleged she disappeared with \$200 worth of cash and jewelry belonging to her mistress.

BROOKLYN'S WARD LINES.
Hearing in Supreme Court Put Off Till Aug. 24.

Argument in the action brought by Andrew D. Borden, of the Union League Club, for a mandamus to compel the Kings County Board of Supervisors to rescind their action in changing the ward boundaries in Brooklyn was postponed to August 24.

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DROWNED IN THE EAST RIVER.
Body of a Boy About Fifteen Years Old Found by a Tugboat.

The crew of the tugboat J. T. Stephens, while on foot of Park street, Brooklyn, this morning, found the body of an unknown boy floating in the water. The boy was about fifteen years old, and was wearing knickerbockers and a sandal. The body was taken to the Brooklyn morgue.

SET HER DRESS ON FIRE.
Miss Silverman's Peril from an Exploded Lamp.

Miss Pauline Silverman, of 58 Forsyth street, New York, is suffering severely from shock today. She was visiting Samuel Hock, stand, 102 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, last night, when a lamp fell on the floor, exploded and set the furniture on fire.

In trying to extinguish the blaze her clothing caught fire, but she escaped being badly burned. The damage to the furniture amounted to about \$500.

A lamp exploded at 12:30 this morning in the apartment of Mrs. Emma Beckman, a young woman, attempted to extinguish the fire and was badly burned about the hands.

Press Club Fund Benefit.
A popular event of the present week will be the performance of "Egypt Through Centuries" at Eldorado to-morrow evening.

Increased interest is attached to the event from the fact that the entertainment is given for the benefit of the New York Press Club Building and Charity Fund, a large portion of the receipts being promised for that purpose. The benefit is one of the most brilliant and artistic that has ever been presented in this country.

Tried to Die, Got Ten Days.
Mrs. Appis O'Brien, a widow of thirty-seven years, arrested for intoxication and locked up in the West Thirty-seventh street station, made a rupture of her skirts this morning and attempted to hang herself to the cell door.

In Jefferson Market court this morning she stated that she had attempted to kill herself. She got ten days in prison.

Wrestler Quinn's Wide Challenge.
MONTREAL, Aug. 15.—W. H. Quinn, of Cornwall, champion wrestler of Canada, announces that he will meet any man in the world at collar and elbow wrestling, John McNeill, of Montreal, of Boston, and Evan Lewis, of Montreal.

An Aged Man's Heinous Crime.
ADRIAN, Mich., Aug. 15.—William Gibson, of Adrian, over seventy years old, has been arrested here charged with assaulting his granddaughter, aged twelve years. Gibson attempted suicide in the police station.

Brennan Takes a Vacation.
Street Cleaning Commissioner Brennan has gone to Saratoga, where he will spend about ten days' vacation with his family.

Senator Colquhoun Not Dying.
ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 15.—Senator Colquhoun, who has been reported to be dying, is still alive and well.

Jersey Just as for Thomas Kelly.
THOMAS KELLY, said to be one of the members of the gang of thieves which has been holding country stores and post-offices to the north of New York, was today committed by United States Commissioner Smith, charged with being concerned in the robbery of the post-office at Vernon, N. J.

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